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A PERSONAL NOTE: Many thanks to all the wonderful letters received following the January issue. It's people like you that make the whole thing worth while and rewarding. Also thanks to Henry Wrightington and Frank Bresee for sending tapes of Benny tributes (more later)... A list of 16mm film and video tape collectors will be in this issue.. Next month I would like to print a fairly complete list of all stations carrying original programs about vintage radio--not stations carrying rebroadcasts or current shows such as CBS Mystery Theater (there are too many)--but original shows playing excerpts, miscellaneous shows, and interviews, often hosted or co-hosted by a collector such as Chuck Schaden, Roy Bright, John Dunning, etc. The information should include call letters, frequency, city, time and day show is on, host, format, etc... If you want specific answers to questions many collectors send a SASE (self addressed stamped envelope) which is appreciated. Whenever you send one, especially for logs and listings, please make it legal sized.

IN FOND MEMORY: Ken Rettberg reminded me of the death of Eddie Dunstedter on July 30, 1974 at the age of 76. He was a well known organist. He had his own radio shows in the 30's and 40's on such stations as WCCO in Minneapolis and KMOX in St. Louis. He did much recording and scored many films. Eddie was part of "Three Consoles" broadcasts with Milton Charles and Ann Leaf... Lawrence Blochman, 74; writer of many radio and television programs... Ray Morgan, Jan 5; announcer, actor on such shows as WE THE PEOPLE, GANGBUSTERS, COUNTERSPY, WHEN A GIRL MARRIES. Also announcer on early TV shows... Bess Johnson, Jan 3, 73; voice of Lady Esther on Wayne King; active in TODAYS CHILDREN, HILLTOP HOUSE, STORY OF BESS JOHNSON, MARY MARLIN, TRUE CONFESSIONS... Fannie Cavanaugh, Jan 13, 83; With her husband Eddie, started on KYW in Philadelphia in 1922 with one of the oldest talk and entertainment shows. Fannie played piano and Eddie sang... Les Mitchel, Jan 12, 70; Actor-director on BACKSTAGE WIVE, DREFT STAR PLAYHOUSE, HELEN TRENT, STARS OVER HOLLYWOOD... Louis Jordan, Feb 4, 66; band leader; played alto saxophone; hits included IS YOU IS OR IS YOU AIN'T MY BABY... Julia Sanderson, Jan 27, 87; wife of Frank Cramit with whom she was on several programs; both sang very well; shows included BATTLE OF THE SEXES, BLACKSTONE PLANTATION, and their own show which had the theme "Sweet Lady."... Ruth Matteson, 65; ALDRICH FAMILY and AGAINST THE STORM...

MONITOR conceived by NBC head Pat Weaver breathed its first in June 1955. Dave Garroway and Peter Roberts were among the first communicators. Others who followed were: Hugh Downs, Barry Nelson, Frank Blair, Ted Brown, Murray the K, Gene Raeburn, Jim Lowe, Henry Morgan, Cindy Adams. A new concept in radio with a combination of recorded music, news, interviews, remote pick-ups and lots of comedy by the likes of: Bob and Ray, Fibber McGee, and Molly, Mike Nichols and Elaine May, Jerry Stiller and Anne Meara, Phyllis Diller, Jonathan Winters. Marlene Dietrich gave out beauty hints for awhile. Miss Tedi Thurman was Miss Monitor. It was aired for the last time after 19½ years on Sunday, Jan 26, 1974.

Publications: Does anyone know the details of a book entitled "The Mighty Music Box" by Thomas DeLong. It is a history of music on radio. ...It was a welcome sight to see the latest issue of Radio Dial. Apparently Charlie Ingersoll is able to keep the excellent quarterly in print. Details: \$7.50 a year. Published quarterly by Radio Histor-



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ical Society, Box 190, Colquet, Minn 55720...New book out is "This Was Radio" by Joseph Julian; Viking Press; 238 pps; \$8.95. When I see it I will tell you more...John Dunning, Box 18514, Denver, Col 80218 has just signed a contract with Prentice-Hall to produce a comprehensive book, about 500 pages, on radio. He would like the help of any of my readers who can give him data, anecdotes, dates of shows, colorful backstage stuff, factual material on all shows. John would like to hear from those who specialize in certain shows. All will get credit in the book. If you have special knowledge of shows, dates, stars, sound effects, etc. drop John a card...

CATALOGS: Earl McCool, 417 Wildhaven Cir, Gadsden, Ala 35901; Sup. 6; Reel 416-478; wide variety; looking for DEATH VALLEY DAYS...Larry Spalding, 8007 Cardinal Dr, Tampa, Fla 33617; sup. reels 240-284...Herb Sadowsky, 105-25 65th Ave, Forest Hills, NY 11375; Oct-Dec 1974; many YOU BET YOUR LIFE...Bill Blalock, 609 Blue St, Richland, Wa 99352; Sup. 4; 265 reels bring total reels to about 2000. 750 reels are 3 generations or less; 9 1800' $\frac{1}{4}$ -track reels of EB AND ZEB; interested in material from the 1930's...Dr. Steve Moreno, 102 Park S, Santurce, Puerto Rico 00911; #3062-3303; many new shows; EASY ACES: HOLLYWOOD PLAYERS*Rebecca; VIO AND SADE; TELEPHONE HOUR: Jack Benny 3/8/42; several Radiola and Mark 56 records;...Josh Bray, Box 98, Green Lane, Pa 18054; Reel N79-100; much new documentaries, news and sports...Dave Siegel, 351 Amherst Ave, Ticonderoga, NY 12883; relistings of shows beginning with C, E, F, H, M, T, Y, THEATER 5

LOGS: More Jack Benny listings are still available. These are all the shows I now have (193 shows). Send a SASE if you haven't already. Ray Stanich has a new log for a SASE; CRIME DOES NOT PAY; 10/10/49-4/11/51. The shows were repeated twice. Ray's address is 173 Columbia Ms, Brooklyn, NY 11201...Bruce Ruggles, Box 1256, North Bay, Ontario Canada P1B 8K5 is looking for a MURDER AT MIDNIGHT log...Gayle Bland, 1125 Monitor Dr, Reno, Nev 89502 is looking for a log of THE WHISTLER

PERSONALITIES: On Jan 21, 1975 The Pacific Pioneer Broadcasters presented Bob Hope with a Golden Ike award. On hand were Gen Omar Bradley, Wendell Niles, Janis Paige, Edgar Bergen and others. Hope, who received 2 standing ovations, has received more awards than any other civilian, according to Mr. Niles.

JACK BENNY: Frank Bresee sent me a tape of a 7 minute tribute to Benny which was aired on Feb 8th on the National Leukemia Radiothon. Tape also contained program #339 of the Golden Days of Radio in which Mel Blanc was interviewed...Henry Wrightington, 571 State St, Hanson, Ma 02341 sent me a 3-hour tribute to Benny from WBZ in Boston. Larry Glick was the host with Mel Simons as co-host. Phone conversations were had with Don Wilson, Dennis Day, Mel Blanc, Frank Nelson, Benny Rubin, and Phil Harris. Henry has this for trade if any are interested. Harold Callanen shared these words about the loss of Jack Benny:

I SHARE YOUR SENSE of loss with the passing of Jack Benny. Jack was a comic genius with few peers. His radio broadcasts are classics, as fresh and vital today as when they were first aired. His presentation was so deceptively simple and effortless that it perhaps masked his true greatness, but that is one of the true marks of genius - the ability to make the difficult seem simple and natural. That, combined with the warmth of his personality which always came through the characterization of the selfish miser, has made Jack Benny part of our folklore. We had his physical presence for eighty years, but his influence and legend will live as long as entertainment itself....

I sent copies of the last issue to various colleagues of Jack Benny. I received a nice letter and autographed picture from Mel Blanc. Mel will continue to receive HELLO AGAIN. Thank you for your kind remarks, Mel.

BLANK TAPE: Here are latest prices from Len Lawson, 1206 Notre Dame Ct, Livermore, Cal 94550; CAPITOL 1200' \$1.75; 1800' \$2.15... HIGH FIDELITY: 1200' \$1.25... SCOTCH 228-R60 \$2.77 229-R90 \$3.74... These prices are per reel in lots of 12 only. Includes postage. Add \$35¢ per dozen for special handling or 30¢ per dozen for insurance.

LET THE BUYER BEWARE: Received more possible information about Virgil James. Following ad was from Jan 20-26 Cue magazine: For Jack Benny shows send....to Radio Nostalgia, 801 Kearny Ave, New Jersey 07032 (Kearny Ave is in Kearny). Can anyone confirm if this is Virgil or not. If I seem to constantly inquire about Virgil James it is that many of you lost money because of an ad of his I put in Hello Again a long time ago.

NEW ADDRESSES: Tom Brown, Box 1131, Forest Park, Ga 30050... Jay Diamond, Mobile Manor, Lot 37, Blountville Highway, Bristol, Tenn 37620...

HERE AND THERE: New Friends: Louis Bergonzi, 38 10th St, Staten Island, NY 10306... Don Andersen, Box 521, Woodinville, Wa 98072...

Old Friends: Gayle Bland is looking for several episodes of LUM AND ABNER... Larry Spalding would like to know how long the "Why I Hate Jack Benny" contest ran... Frank Belcour, 121 Day St, Auburndale, Ma 02166 is looking for remotes by Art Kassell, Johnny Long, Ran Wilde, Jelly Coburn, Herbie Kay, Dick Dildine, Cecil Golley, Sherman Hayes, Phil Cole, 1539 Deception Rd, Anacortes, Wa 98221 is looking for more JACK ARMSTRONG besides 9/27/40-3/18/41; 1/2/34 and 1/4/34... Ken Rettberg, 172 Manor Cir, E Hartford, Ct 06118 is still looking for pop organ music on tape and ET's; also the second half of BIG TOWN "Too Proud to Ask for Help." He has the first half on ET... Gene Baddeau, 1071 Calverhall St, North Vancouver, BC, Canada V7L 1Y4 is looking for SUPERMAN, ESCAPE, LONE RANGER, SGT. PRESTON, TARZAN, MELODY RANCH, SUSPENSE: Gene has for trade many discs including 15 HENRY MORGAN; also has complete MAGIC ISLAND, SPEED GIBSON and 5 reels of GREEN HORNET... Craige Snader Jr is working 7 days a week on 2 jobs and correspondence may be a little delayed... Tom Riley, 920 W 9th St South, Newton, IA 50208 is looking for SOUND OF THE CITY... Bob Proctor, Box 504, Adrian, MI 49221 has no time for new trades but would like to hear from those he's traded with in the past. Bob now trades 7½ stereo on 1200' Capitol... Don Koehnemann, 811 Bristol Ave, Westchester, Ill 60153 is looking for: 1. Peter Lind Hayes-mid 50's with John Bubbles; 2. Nichols and May-2 High school-age kids "I'd repeat you like anything" sketch; 3; Rudy Vallee 10/44 with Manton Moreland doing indefinite routine... Stu Weiss, 136-49 Jewel Ave, Flushing, NY 11367 has a load of 16" ET's for sale. First come, first serve...

NEW PROGRAMS: IN OR SOON to be in my collection: ARTHUR TRACY; HUMAN ADVENTURE "Story of the Atom Bomb"; TRUE OR FALSE: LINE UP-first show; 2 1952 MR KEENE: VOICE OF EXPERIENCE; GAY MRS. FEATHERSTONE; 3 new COLUMBIA PRESENTS CORWIN; Red Norvo and Ziggy Elman..... NOT IN my collection: George Fowler, 12008 NE 140th St, Kirkland, Wa 98033 has several 60-minute unedited YOU BET YOUR LIFE; 9th and 10th DRENE TIME with the Bickersons; 2nd and 3rd ABIES IRISH ROSE... George as well as Jerry Chapman, 337 W Neptune, NIU Dekalb, Ill 60115 has the

new four-record set of SUPERMAN put out by Kelloggs. There are 16 15-minute shows from the 1939 run starting with episodes 3 and 4. The first 2 episodes have been around for some time....Does anyone know the details of a show called NIGHT WATCH. The programs are 6-minute dramas over Mutual...Pat Murray, 1756 Washtenaw, Ypsilanti, Mich 48197, at the end of April, intends to auction off about 100 of the many transcriptions he has. They include AFRS shows, much music and some rare ET's dating back to 1930 and 31. If anyone wishes to receive and auction list in April send a legal-sized SASE to Pat. Also Pat will have to suspend trading activites until April because of 2 jobs (70-76 hours weekly)

RADIO IS ALIVE AND WELL: Remember to send me the stations carrying original "Golden age of Radio" shows as mention^d on page one...Jerry Chapman is will^d to compile a list of not only the stations I will list but stations doing rebroadcasts and current series also. Send him a list of every station in you area carrying old time radio and send me a list of just those doing original material. A few that I know of right knw are hosted by Roy Bright, WCBU, Peoria..Chuck Schaden, WLTD, Chicago...John Dunning, KFML, Denver...Paul Hemmer and Bill Zwack, WDBQ, Dubuque...Dick Bertel and Ed Corcoran, WTIC, Hartford...I will need more information than this. A program guide would be ideal.....WTIC, 1080 in Hartford, Ct celebrated their 50th anniversary on Monday, Feb 10th...Lynn Lichty, RR2, Antwerp, OH 45813 is looking for tapes of Memory Lane, a show hosted by Joe Franklin over WOR in New York City, Sat at 8 or 9 PM...Reminder that NBC is rebroadcasting X MINUS 1 on a monthly basis on either the 4th Saturday or after depending on the local station. Feb title is "Green Hills of Earth" Mar title is "Martian Death March"...Gary Husa, 737-C Eucalyptus Dr, El Segundo, Cal 90245, a new subscriber, has all CBS RADIO MYSTERY THEATER. He is also looking for back copies of highlight listings sent out by CBS describing each show with the cast...Greg Jackson mentions that on Feb 3rd, Eg Marshall made a blooper on CBS Radio Mystery Theater. At the beginning of the show he said "Death on Skis" starring Rosemary Murphy but when he gave the cast at the end he said Rosemary Harris???

LAST MONTH I asked for a list of people collecting 16mm films and video tapes; The following responded:

16MM films only: Roy Bright, 314 N 7th St, Wyoming, Ill 61491...Frank Tomaselli, 31 Keating Pl, Staten Island, NY 10314...Chuck Huck, 4S230 River Rd, Warrenville, Ill 60555...Bob Monaco, Rt 3 Box 37, Lakeland, Fla 33807; Bob collects 8mm, 16mm and 35mm films as well as theater lobby cards and posters, old projectors, cameras. He also has a list of many books and magazines related to collecting movies.

VIDEO TAPE: George Miller, 9733 S 51st Ave, Oak Lawn, Ill 60453

VIDEO TAPE AND 16mm: John Odson Jr, Box 321, Baker, Ore 97814

BOB PROCTOR, Box 504, Adrian, MI 4922K is planning a radio series incorporating excerpts and talks. The talks would be by personalities, collectors or dealers. If collectors have interviews with personalities send them to Bob and you will get full credit on the air. If you feel you can help Bob in any way please write him...

Alex McFee, Box 1105, Banning, Cal 92280 has many questions, most of which will be in next issue. A Few: What is origin of GHOST CORP theme music...looking for A. Godfrey 40's - 70's. Has 36 hours of Godfrey to trade...Has for sale video tape equipment, plus video tape. Send SASE

UNTIL next month...Write if you get work and hang by your thumbs
Jay Hickerson Box C, Orange, Ct 06477 (203) 795-6261 \$5.50